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September 13, 2010

MEMORANDUM

SENSITIVE

TO:

THE COMMISSION

THROUGH:

ALEC PALMER

ACTING STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM:

PATRICIA CARMONALL for PC

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

DEBBIE CHACONA M

ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION

BY:

NATALIYA IOFFE/SARI PICKERALI

COMPLIANCE BRANCH

SUBJECT:

REASON TO BELIEVE RECOMMENDATION – 2010 JULY

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PROGRAM

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2010 July Quarterly Report in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). The July Quarterly Report was due on July 15, 2010.

The committees fisted in the attached RTB Circulation Report filed the report more than five (5) days after the due date or failed to file the report. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 CFR § 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2010 JULY QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 07/15/2010 H_S_P_UNAUTH

AF#	Committee	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	1	PV Receipt Date Days Late	Days Late	FOA	RTB Penalty
2155	2155 C00467365	AMODEI FOR NEVADA	AMODEI, MARK EUGENE	NICOLA NEILON \$166,585	\$166,585	0		Not Filed	\$55,528 (est)	\$2,970
2156	2156 C00470963	BURTON FOR CONGRESS	BURTON, ROBERT	ROBERT	\$230,380	0	8/1/2010	17	\$18,012	\$195
2157	2157 C00465120	CARLOS MAY FOR CONGRESS	MAY, CARLOS ANDREW	BEN ROEGER	\$164,784	0	7/21/2010	ဖ	\$26,366	\$320
2158	2158 C00469833	CITIZENS TO ELECT ROBERT MARSHALL	MARSHALL, ROBERT ALAN	ROBERT MARSHALL	\$217,179	-		Not Filed	\$54,295 (est)	\$3,712
2159	2159 C00464412	COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHICK HEILESON TO CONGRESS	HEILESON, CHICK	CORBET R. MISKIN	\$254,203	0	8/27/2010	Not Filed	\$49,612	066\$
2160	2160 C00471797	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK REES	REES, MARK ROBERT	MARK ROBERT REES	\$125,324	0		Not Filed	\$41,775 (est)	066\$
2161	2161 C00462929	COMMITTEE TO ELECT RODERICK VEREEN FOR	VEREEN, RODERICK D	CHUCK MOGBO \$154,287	\$154,287	0	7/24/2010	G	\$23,166	\$155

FEDERAL FOND -	8/16/2010 Not Filed \$45,772	Not Filed Not Filed \$53	_	\$45,772 \$533,423 (est) \$68,462 (est) \$76,678 (est)
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	\$463,751	\$463,751 \$1,600,270	\$463,751 \$1,600,270 \$273,846	
	KAREN E ARLAND	KAREN E ARLAND JEFFREY MICHAEL SPARLING	KAREN E ARLAND JEFFREY MICHAEL SPARLING CHRISTOPHER STEWART CAULEY	KAREN E ARLAND JEFFREY MICHAEL SPARLING CHRISTOPHER STEWART CAULEY MICHAEL DAVID COLLINS
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 	2171 C00233049	LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NO AMERICA LOCAL NO 17 POLITICAL I FAGUE		JOSEPH R. LIBONATI	\$103,366	0	7/29/2010	14	\$7,750	\$125
+ =	2172 C00426320	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF INDIANA		TODD SINGER	\$163,890	-	7/29/2010	4	\$31,621	\$600
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<u> </u>	2174 C00043463	MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTITUTE PAC		BEVINGTON	\$192,689	•	8/13/2010	59	\$15,621	\$255
 	2175 C00419986	MONTEREY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEDERAL		HELEN E. CARLIN	\$336,332	0	7/22/2010	7	\$46,115	\$340
+	2176 C00086348	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES PAC		MICHAEL F. HARRIS	\$102,671	0	7/21/2010	ဖ	\$49,471	\$320
<u>├</u>	2177 C00238204	PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC		DR. PARVEZ SHAH	\$107,285	0	0102/22/10	2	\$14,386	\$145
† -	2178 C00355784	ROBINSON COMMITTEE LLC	ROBINSON, JACK E	JACK E. ROBINSON	\$1,144,604	-	7/31/2010	16	\$4,018	\$131

\$4,950

\$138,590 (est)

Not Filed

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\$415,771

TIMOTHY J. DAVIS

SINGH, NAVRAJ

SINGH FOR CONGRESS

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010 July Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program: MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTITUTE PAC, and BEVINGTON, RAE ANN as treasurer;))))))	AF# 21 74
BURTON FOR CONGRESS, and)	AF# 2156
ROBERT CLAUHS as treasurer;)	
ROBINSON COMMITTEE LLC, and)	AF# 2178
JACK E ROBINSON as treasurer;)	
LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION)	AF# 2171
OF NO AMERICA LOCAL NO 17)	
POLITICAL LEAGUE, and JOSEPH R)	
LIBONATI as treasurer;)	
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF INDIANA,)	AF# 21 7 2
and TODD SINGER as treasurer;	<i>)</i> _	
COMMITTEE TO ELECT RODERICK)	AF# 2161
VEREEN FOR CONGRESS, and CHUCK)	
MOGBO as treasurer;)	
INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA))	AF# 2170
LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION)	
COMMITTEE, and MARTIN MASCUILLI)	
as treasurer;	į	ATU 0155
MONTEREY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC	,	AF# 2175
CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEDERAL, and	?	
HELEN E CARLIN as treasurer;	,	A D# 0177
PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC, and	~	AF# 2177
DR. PARVEZ SHAH as-treasurer;	7	
CARLOS MAY FOR CONGRESS, and	1	AF# 2157
ROEGER, BEN as treasurer;) }	14 17 21 27
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR	, }	AF# 2176
UNIFORMED SERVICES PAC, and	<i>)</i>	
HARRIS, MICHAEL F. as treasurer;	Ś	
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AMODEI FOR NEVADA, and NICOLA)	AF# 2155
NEILON as treasurer;)	
CITIZENS TO ELECT ROBERT)	AF# 2158
MARSHALL, and ROBERT MARSHALL)	
as treasurer;	í	
COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHICK)	AF# 2159
HEILESON TO CONGRESS, and	í	
CORBET R MISKIN as treasurer;)	
COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK REES,)	AF# 2160
and MARK ROBERT REES as treasurer;)	
DR DAN 4 CONGRESS, and BRIAN)	AF# 2163
UMBARGER as treasurer;)	
EMPIRE STATE REGIONAL COUNCIL)	AF# 2164
OF CARPENTERS POLITICAL ACTION)	
FUND - FEDERAL, and WEIR, WILLIAM)	
J as treasurer;)	
FRIENDS OF BROSE MCVEY, and)	AF# 2166
KAREN E ARLAND as treasurer;)	
FRIENDS OF STEVEN WELCH and	1	AF# 2167

FRIENDS OF BROSE MCVEY, and) AF# 2166
KAREN E ARLAND as treasurer;)
FRIENDS OF STEVEN WELCH, and) AF# 2167
JEFFREY MICHAEL SPARLING as)
treasurer;)
GALYEAN FOR CONGRESS, and) AF# 2168
CAULEY, CHRISTOPHER STEWART as)
treasurer;)
GUNNER DELAY FOR CONGRESS, and) AF# 2169
MICHAEL DAVID COLLINS as treasurer;)

SINGH FOR CONGRESS, and TIMOTHY) AF# 2180 J DAVIS as treasurer;)

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Worth, Sccretary and Clork of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on September 15, 2010 the Commission took the
following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2010 July Quarterly

Report for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis

Division's Memorandum dated September 13, 2010, on the following committees:

AF#2174 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTITUTE PAC, and BEVINGTON, RAE ANN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2156 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BURTON FOR CONGRESS, and ROBERT CLAUHS as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintrauh voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2178 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ROBINSON COMMITTEE LLC, and JACK E ROBINSON as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2171 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NO AMERICA LOCAL NO 17 POLITICAL LEAGUE, and JOSEPH R LIBONATI as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report;

(2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintemb vuted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2172 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF INDIANA, and TODD SINGER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated ou the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2161 Decided hy a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT RODERICK VEREEN FOR CONGRESS, and CHUCK MOGBO as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissionars Bauerly, Hunten, McGahn II, Petersen, Waither, and Weintrand votal affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2170 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MARTIN MASCUILLI as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintrauh voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2175 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to helieve that MONTEREY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE FEDERAL, and HELEN E CARLIN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2177 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (I) find reason to believe that PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC, and DR. PARVEZ SHAH as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2157 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CARLOS MAY FOR CONGRESS, and ROEGER, BEN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) sand the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2176 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES PAC, and HARRIS, MICHAEL F. as treasner violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Peterson, Waithet, and Wointraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2155 Decided by a vote of 6-ft to: (1) find reason to believe that AMODEI FOR NEVADA, and NICOLA NEILON as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGalm II, Peterseu, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2158 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CITIZENS TO ELECT ROBERT MARSHALL, and ROBERT MARSHALL as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2159 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT CHICK HEILESON TO CONGRESS, and CORBET R MISKIN as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2160 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK REES, and MARK ROBERT REES as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the eivil money penalty would be the amount indicated ou the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2163 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that DR DAN 4 CONGRESS, and BRIAN UMBARGER as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2164 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that EMPIRE STATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS POLITICAL ACTION FUND - FEDERAL, and WEIR, WILLIAM J as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2166 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FRIENDS OF BROSE MCVEY, and KAREN E ARLAND as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2167 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FRIENDS OF STEVEN WELCH, and JEFFREY MICHAEL SPARLING as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2168 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GALYEAN FOR CONGRESS, and CAULEY, CHRISTOPHER STEWART as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2169 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GUNNER DELAY FOR CONGRESS, and MICHAEL DAVID COLLINS as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Federal Election Commission Ccrtification for Administrative Fines September 15, 2010	Page 7
CONGRESS, and TIMOTHY J DAVIS preliminary determination that the civil	to: (1) find reason to believe that SINGH FOR as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. 434(a) and make a money penalty would be the amount indicated on r. Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, affirmatively for the decision.
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·	Attest:
September 15, 5010	Shawn Woodhead Werth
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September 21, 2010

Mark Robert Rees, in official capacity as Treasurer Committee to Elect Mark Rees P.O. Box 65783 West Des Moines, IA 50265

C00471797 AF#: 2160

Dear Mr. Rees:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a July Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period through June 30, 2010, shall be filed no later than July 15, 2010. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money panalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a). 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4). On September 15, 2010, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Committee to Elect Mark Rees and you as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before July 15, 2010. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$990. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-111.46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$990 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by October 25, 2010, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$41,775 Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response, including the AF# found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number, to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or October 25, 2010. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money ponalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are upt limited to, (1) a failure of Commission occuputers or Composition-provided software despite your seeking technical ansistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to, (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or liternet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Nat to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Committee to Elect Mark Rees and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). It will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42, unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated eivil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

Chairman

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$990 for the 2010 July Quarterly Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by October 25, 2010. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Committee to Elect Mark Rees

FEC ID#: C00471797

AF#: 2160

PAYMENT DUE DATE: October 25, 2010

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$990

FEC OFFICE OF ADMIN REVIEW

October 20, 2010

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Mr. Matthew S. Petersen Federal Election Commission Office of Administrative Review 999 E Street NW Washington, DC 20463

RE: Civil Penalty Challenge Committee to Elect Mark Rees

C00471797 AF#: 2160

Dear Chairman,

In response to FEC correspondence dated September 21, 2010 regarding the referenced matter, I respectfully request the Commission's consideration of my challenge to the imposition of the civil penalty based upon the following setting, circumstances, and series of events:

- I am a retired architect. I am not an accountant, a bookkeeper, or a politician. I have never run for public office before or tried to recencile an account ledger in my life until now. When I lost in the June 8th Primary, I assumed my campaign ended and that any remaining Committee work, other than making certain that all outstanding invoices wore poid, was over.
- ➤ I listed myself as the Committee Treasurer to expedite the initial FEC filing last December with the expectation that a competent individual would volunteer or be paid to replace me. Unfortunately, as with nearly all fundraising and financial goals set for my campaign, including repayment of my candidate loans, that never materialized. For reference, \$.86 out of every \$1 raised and spent came from limited, personal funds.
- Description of the Committee, all committee media accounts (amail, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) became virtually inactive.
- Sometime in late July, I did check my campaign email account, <u>markreesforcongress@amail.com</u>, and noticed and read an email from the FEC dated July 16, 2010 indicating that a required report (July quarterly) had not been filed. I forwarded this to my ex-campaign manager for his response and action as with all previous FEC matters. I did not hear back from him.
- > On or about August 6, 2010, I received a letter from the FEC dated August 3, 2010 indicating that I had failed to file the required July quarterly report. I contacted my campaign manager (whom I had not spoken with since lusing the June 8th Republican Primary) and was told that although he had handled all FEC filings during the campaign, he was no longer a paid staff member, and therefore did not plan to address this open-ended Committee obligation (requirement).
- ➤ I contacted the FEC on August 9, 2010 (after trying in vain to produce the report from my laptop file over the weekend) to obtain help in complying with this item. After speaking briefly with several individuals, I was forwarded to Brad Matheson where I left a detailed message to call me.

- > Having left my Committee paperwork and files atop my desk, and not having heard back from Brad Matheson, I called the FEC again on or about August 19, 2010 end was farwarded to a young man who's name (Andrew?) I cannot confirm or find in my notes: I left a message again for assistance.
- > On September 22, 2010 I received a certified letter from the FEC dated September 21, 2010 informing me that a \$990 civil penalty had been imposed (upon me as Committee Treasurer) for failing to file the July quarterly report. I again called the FEC (that same day), was forwarded to Brad Matheson, re-installed the most current filing software, set up the appropriate reports, and walked through the process of data entry, etc.
- > On Septumber 23, 2010 I called and left another message with Brad Matheson to obtain assistance in completing and filing the July quarterly and Termination reports.
- > On September 24, 2010 (not having heard back from Brad Matheson) I called the FEC and was forwarded to another analyst named Kendra for assistance. After two, separate conversations, she was able to help me complete, close, validate, and successfully upload the required reports.
- ➤ On or about October 7, 2010 I received yet another letter from the FEC dated October 5, 2010 indicating that my Committee termination request was denied due to the outstanding administrative fines matter and that I was to continue filing all subsequent reports.
- > On October 16, 2010 I received an emuil (auto forwarded to my personal ancount) from the FEC indicating that I had failed to file another report (October quarterly) that was due October 15, 2010.
- After again trying in vain over the weekend to create, validate, and file the most recent report (I couldn't even find the correct data file this time) I contacted Ian Wander on October 18, 2010 with the FEC and was forwarded to Brad Matheson. He helped me search for and locate the data file, create, validate, and electronically upload the report. I appreciated his patience.

In summary, I believe that I have never ignored and have responded to all FEC correspondence. Although I have ultimately filed all the required reports since losing my Primary race to represent Iowa's 3rd Congressional District, and will continue to do so until my Termitation request is accepted, I apologize nonetheless for my failure to forcefully follow through on these issues as well as your time and attention spent on this matter.

In closing, I again request that the Commission in its consideration of the above information and in conjunction with the first, final, and self-funded nature of my campaign, find due cause to waive, rescind, reduce, or defer the assessed civil penalty.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Mark Rees

cc: Debbie Chacona Stephen Eckley



Via First Class Mail

October 21, 2010

Mark Robert Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer Committee to Elect Mark Rees Post Office Box 65783 West Des Moines, IA 50265

C00471797 AF#: 2160

Dear Mr. Rees:

On October 21, 2010, the Commission received your written response ("challenge") which is being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Review. If you have any questions regarding your challenge, please contact this Office on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

Sincerely.

Dayna C. Brown Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

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Date: October 25, 2010

REFERRAL TO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CHALLENGE RECEIVED

AF#: 2160

Committee Name: Committee to Elect Mark Rees

Committee ID#: C00471797

Committee Address (if different than in RTB letter): N/A

Treasurer Name (if different than in RTB finding): N/A

Attachments:

Copy of RTB Circulation Report, dated September 13, 2010 and RTB

Certification, dated September 15, 2010 (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

Proof of Delivery (to be forwarded at inter date if not yet received) (Y/N): Y

Attachment #: 1

Other Relevant Telecoms (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

Original Correspondence Received by RAD in Response to RTB Letter (Y/N): N

Attachment #: N/A

RAD Staff Declaration (Y/N): Y

-2010 July Quarterly Report Prior Notice, dated June 21, 2010.

-Non-Filer Letter, dated August 3, 2010.

-RTB Letter, dated September 21, 2010.

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Other RAD Information: (Y/N): N

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- Processed through Sort Facility, September 21, 2010, 6:02 pm, WASHINGTON, DC 20074
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DECLARATION OF NATALIYA IOFFE

- 1. I am the Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the initial processing of the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
- 2. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Committee to Elect Mark Rees:
 - A) Prior Notice, dated June 21, 2010, referencing the 2010 July Quarterly Report (sent via electronic mail to: MARKREESFORCONGRESS@GMAIL.COM);
 - B) Non-Filer Letter, dated August 3, 2010, referencing the 2010 July Quarterly Report;
 - C) Reason-to-Believe Letter, dated September 21, 2010, referencing the 2010 July Quarterly Report.
 - I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and find that Committee Name filed the 2010 July Quarterly Report with the Commission on September 24, 2010.
- Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that all relevant telecoms for the matter have been provided. This declaration was executed at Washington, D.C. on the 25nd day of October, 2010.

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Chief, Compliance Branch Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES PARTIES AND PACS

June 21, 2010

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Post-General	11/22/10	12/02/10	12/02/10
Year-End	12/31/10	01/31/11	01/31/11

Supplemental Filing Information is available:

- Congressional Committees
- Parties and PACs

¹A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed. If the committee is new and has not previously filed a report, the first report must cover all activity that occurred before the committee registered up through the close of books for the first report due.

² Parties and PACs: required only if committee makes contributions or expenditures in connection with the general election during the reporting period.

Congressional Committees: campaign committees of a candidate who participates in the general election must file pre-and post-general election reports.

2010 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

WHO MUST FILE

Principal campaign committees of congressional candidates ¹ (including unopposed candidates and candidates whose names do not appear on the ballot) must file Quarterly Reperts in 2010. ²

Campaigns that raise or spend more than \$5,000 for the 2010 election cycle (and thus trigger registration and reporting requirements) must file quarterly reports throughout 2010, even if the candidate plans to retire, withdraws from the race prior to the primary election, loses the primary or drops out of the race prior to the general election. See 11 CFR 104.5(a)(2).

Before a committee can stop fiting with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. See 11 CFR 102.3. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

Electronic Filing

Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: Electronic Filing Page
- Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees (Candidate Guide), pp. 82-84 [PDF]

Paper Filing - Moeting the Filing Deadline

Paper Report filing options -- Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: Link to Paper Forms (for downloading and printing)
- Candidate Guide, p. 81 [PDF]

¹ Generally, an individual becomes a candidate for federal office (and thus triggers registration and reporting obligations) when his or her campaign exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions or expenditures. If the campaign has not crossed the \$5,000 threshold, it is not required to file reports. See 11 CFR 100.3(a).

² If a candidate has more than one authorized committee, the principal campaign committee must also file a consolidated report on <u>Form 3Z</u> [PDF].

PRE- AND POST-ELECTION REPORTS

A committee whose candidate participates in a 2010 state primary, nominating convention or runoff election -- even if the primary, nominating convention or runoff. The campaign committee of a candidate who participates in the general election must file pre- and post-general election reports.

See 11 CFR 104.5(a)(2).

- Web Page: 2010 Congressional Pre-Primary Reporting Dates
- The Record: January 2010 issue [PDF]
- Candidate Guide, pp. 79-80 [PDF]

48 HOUR NOTICES ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Notices are required if the committee receives any contribution (including in-kind gifts or advances of goods or services; loans from the candidate or other non-bank sources; and guarantees or endorsements of bank loans to the candidate or committee) of \$1,000 or more per source, during the period less than 20 days but more than 48 hours before any election in which the candidate is running.

The notices must reach the appropriate federal filing office within 48 hours of the committee's receipt of the contribution(s). Campaign committees that file electronically MUST submit their 48-hour notices electronically. See 11 CFR 104.5(f).

- Web Page: Electronic Filing Page
- Web Page: Link to Paper Forms (for downloading and printing)
- Form 6 Fax numbers
 - o Senate campaigns (Secretary of the Senate): (202) 224-1851
 - o House Campaigns (FEC): (202) 219-0174
- Campaign Guide: Candidate Guide, p. 80 [PDF]

COMPLIANCE

Treasurer Responsibility

Committee Treasurers are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. See 11 CFR 104.14(d).

- Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceedings [PDF]
- Candidate Guide, p. 7 [PDF]

Administrative Fine Program

Political committees and their treasurers who fail to file their reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$17,600 (or more for repeat late- and non-filers). ³ See 11 CFR 111.30.

- Web Page: Administrative Fine Program
- Candidate Guide, pp. 81-82 [PDF]

³ Penalties for late- or non-filing of 48-hour notices are based on the amount of contributions not timely disclosed. As a result, these penalties may exceed \$17,600, even for first-time violations.

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST BUNDLING ACTIVITY

Campaign committees must file <u>FEC Form 3L [PDF]</u> if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$16,000 during the applicable reporting period (see page 1 of this notice). See 11 CFR 104.22 and 110.17(e).

• The Record: March 2009 issue [PDF]

2010 REPORTING SCHEDULE

Web Page: <u>2010 Reporting Dates Page</u>
The *Record*: January 2010 issue [PDF]

• Candidate Guide, p. 79 [PDF]

IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION - PAPER FILERS

In response to the 2001 anthrax threat, the U.S. Postal Service is irradiating mail directed to many federal agencies, including the FEC and the Secretary of the Senate. ⁴ This process has not only delayed mail delivery, it has also damaged and in some cases destroyed pieces of mail. As a result, committees that file reports with the FEC may want to consider submitting their reports by some means other than U.S. mail. Alternative methods include electronic filing, overnight mail or delivery service, and hand delivery.

⁴ Senate committees should contact the Secretary of the Senate at (202) 224-0322 for more information on filing reports via US mail.

2010 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING INFORMATION PACS AND PARTY COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission provides reminders of upcoming filing dates as a courtesy to help committees comply with the filing deadlines set forth in the Act and Commission regulations. Committee treasurers must comply with all applicable filing deadlines established by law, and the lack of prior notice does not constitute an excuse for failing to comply with any filing deadline.

WHO MUST FILE

All Party Committees and PACs (Nonconnected Committees and Separate Segregated Funds) must file either quarterly or monthly reports in 2010. See 11 CFR 104.5(c). Before a committee can stop filing with the FEC, it must file a termination report with the Commission. See 11 CFR 102.3. Committees must continue to file reports until the Commission notifies them in writing that their termination report has been accepted.

METHODS OF FILING REPORTS

Electronic Filing

Reports filed electronically must be received and validated by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the filing deadline. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: Electronic Filing Page
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected Committees (Nonconnected), pp. 51-53 [PDF]; Corporations and Labor Organizations (SSF), pp. 49-51 [PDF]; Political Party Committees (Party), pp. 69-71 [PDF].

Paper Filing -- Meeting the Filing Deadline

Paper report filing options – Registered, Certified or Overnight or First Class Mail. See 11 CFR 104.5(e).

- Web Page: Link to Paper Forms (for downloading and printing)
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 47-48 [PDF]; SSF, pp. 45-46 [PDF]; Party, p. 65 [PDF].

PRE-ELECTION REPORTING

Quarterly filing committees that make contributions or expenditures (including independent expenditures) in connection with an election must also file a Pre-Election Report, if the activity was not previously reported. See 11 CFR 104.5(c)(1)(ii).

- Web Page: 2010 Congressional Pre-Primary Reporting Dates Page
- The Record: January 2010 issue [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 49-51 [PDF]; SSF, pp. 46-48 [PDF]; Party, pp. 67-68 [PDF].

2010 REPORTING SCHEDULE

- Web Page: 2010 Reporting Dates Page
- The Record: January 2010 issue [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: *Nonconnected, pp. 49-51* [PDF]; *SSF, pp. 46-48* [PDF]; *Party, pp. 67-68* [PDF].

COMPLIANCE

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Committee treasurers are responsible for both the timeliness and the accuracy of all reports. They may be subject to monetary penalties if reports are inaccurate or are not filed on time. See 11 CFR 104.14(d).

- Statement of Policy Regarding Treasurers Subject to Enforcement Proceeding [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 3-4 [PDF]; SSF, pp. 1-2 [PDF]; Party, pp. 6-7 [PDF].

Administrative Fine Program

Failure to file reports on time may be subject to civil money penalties up to \$17,600 (or more for repeat late- or non-filers). See 11 CFR 111.30.

- Web Page: Administrative Fine Program Page
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, pp. 48-49 [PDF]; SSF, p. 46 [PDF]; Party, p. 66 [PDF].

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST BUNDLING ACTIVITY

Party committees and Leadership PACs must simultaneously file FEC Form 3L if they receive two or more bundled contributions from lobbyists/registrants or lobbyist/registrant PACs that aggregate in excess of \$16,000 during the covered period (see page 1 of this notice). See 11 CFR 104.22 and 110.17(e).

- The Record: March 2009 issue [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: Party, pp. 143-149 [PDF]

CHANGE IN FILING FREOUENCY

Committees able to change their reporting schedule (for example, from monthly to quarterly) who wish to do so must notify the Commission in writing and may change their filing frequency no more than once per calendar year. See 11 CFR 104.5(c).

- Web Page: Filing Frequency by Type of Committee
- Campaign Guide: Nonconnected, p. 51 [PDF]; SSF, p. 49 [PDF]; Party, p. 67 [PDF].

48- AND 24-HOUR REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

Any PAC or Party Committee that makes independent expenditures in 2010 may have to disclose this activity within 48- or 24-hours based upon the date and amount of the expenditure. See 11 CFR 104.4.

- Web Page: 48- and 24-hour periods for independent expanditures for 2010 alections
- Campaign Guide: <u>Nonconnected, pp. 72-74</u> [PDF]; <u>SSF. pp. 65-67</u> [PDF];
 <u>Party, pp. 87-89</u> [PDF].

These reports are not required when a PAC or Party Committee makes a contribution directly to a candidate.



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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MARK ROBERT REES, TREASURER COMMITTEE TO ELECT MARK REES PO BOX 5578S WEST DEE MOINES, IN 50265-0783

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00471797

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT 5/20/2010 - 6/30/2010

DEAR TREASURER:

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION THAT YOU MAY HRVE FRILED TO FILE THE ABOVE REFERENCED REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT, AS AMENDED.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU FILE THIS REPORT (MMBDEATELY WITH THE FEDERBL ELECTION COMMISSION, 999 R STRENT, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463 FOR HOUSE CANDIDATES, OR THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, 232 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510 (MAILING ADDRESS: OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS, P.O. BOX 2517, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301), FOR SENATE CANDIDATES. PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTRONIC FILERS MUST SUBMET THEIR REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY, AS BER 11 UFR \$104.18. R COPY OF THE REPORT MUST ALSO DE FILED WITE THE SHCRETARY OF STATE OR EQUIVALENT STATE OFFICER UNLESS THE STATE IS EXEMPT FROM THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT TO RECEIVE AND MAINTAIN PAPER COPIES. YOU CAN VERIFY THE COMMISSION'S RECEIPT OF ANY DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY YOUR COMMITTED ON THE FEC

THE FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE THIS REPORT MAY RESULT IN CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES, AN AUDIT OR LEGAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION. THE CIVIL MONEY PENALTY CALCULATION FOR LATE REPORTS DONE NOT INCLUDE A GRACE PERIOD AND BEGINS ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE DUE DATE FOR THE REPORT. DUE TO HEIGHTENED SECURITY SCREENING MEASURES, DELIVERY OF MAIL BY THE US POSTAL SERVICE MAY BE DELAYED. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR REPORT VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY OR COURIER SERVICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER, PLHASE CONTACT IAN WANDNER AT OUR TOLL FREE NUMBER (800)424-9530. OUR DIRECT LOCAL NUMBER IS (202)694-1130.

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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION (RAD)





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December 28, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To:

The Commission

Through:

Alec Palmer

Acting Staff Director

From:

Patricia Carmona

Chief Compliance Officer

Dayna C. Brown Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

Subject:

Reviewing Officer Recommendation in AF# 2160 - Committee to Elect

Mark Rees and Mark Robert Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer

(C00471797)

The attached Reviewing Officer Recommendation is being circulated on an informational basis. A copy was also sent to the respondents in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The respondents may file with the Commission Secretary a written response within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation.

After the 10 day period, the Reviewing Officer Recommendation and the respondents' written response, if any, will be circulated to the Commission to make a final determination.

Attachment



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 28, 2010

REVIEWING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ("OAR")

AF# 2160 - Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Robert Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer (C00471797)

Summary of Recommendation

Make a final determination that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$720 civil money penalty.

Reason-to-Believe Background

On September 15, 2010, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2010 July Quarterly Report and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$990, based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. The Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") notified the respondents of the Commission's RTB finding and civil money penalty on September 21, 2010.

Legal Requirements

The Federal Election Campaign Act ("Act") states that the treasurer of a principal campaign committee of a candidate shall file a report for the period ending June 30 no later than July 15. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)(A)(iii) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(a)(1)(i). Reports electronically filed must be received and validated at or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the prescribed filing date to be timely filed. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.19(c) and 104.5(e). The treasurer shall be personally responsible for the timely filing of reports. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d).

Respondents' Challenge

The Commission received the written response ("challenge") from the Treasurer, Mark Robert Rees, on October 21, 2010, requesting that the Commission waive, rescind, reduce or defer the assessed civil penalty. The campaign was largely funded by the Candidate, who had never run for public office before, initially listed himself as treasurer intending to find a competent replacement, and assumed the Committee's requirements ended when he lost the June 8 primary. The Candidate provides the following timeline pertaining to the July Quarterly and Termination Reports:

- Late July: He discovers a July 16 email from the Commission informing them of the their failure to file the July Quarterly Report and forwards it to his ex-campaign manager who handled all previous Commission matters. No response was received.
- Around August 6: He receives a lefter, dated August 3, indicating that they failed to file the July Quarterly Report. He contacts the campaign manager who tells him that he no longer handles auch matters because he is no longer a paid staff member.

- August 9: He calls the Commission for assistance, after unsuccessfully attempting to produce the report. He leaves a detailed message for Brad Matheson to return his call.
- Around August 19: After not receiving a call back, he calls the Commission again and leaves another message for assistance.
- September 22: He receives the RTB letter dated September 21 and calls the Commission. He speaks to Brad Matheson who assists him with installing the most current filing software, setting up the appropriate reports, and the data entry process.
- September 23: He leaves a message for Brad Matheson for additional assistance in completing and filing the July Quarterly and Termination Reports.
- September 24: He calls the Commission after not receiving a call back. Another analyst, Kendra, assists him with completing, validating and successfully uploading the reports.
- Around October 7: He receives a letter denying the Committee's termination request due to the administrative fine and advising him to continue filing subsequent reports.

Analysis

Although the Treasurer states that he assumed the Committee's work was over following the June 8 primary loss, because the respondents did not file a Termination Report on or before July 15, 2010, indicating that the Committee will no longer receive contributions or make disbursements, that there are no outstanding debts or obligations and the purpose for which any residual funds will be used, they were required to file the July Quarterly Report. 11 C.F.R. § 102.3 and 2 U.S.C. § 433(d).

The respondents were notified of this filing requirement and the report's due date, both before and after the filing deadline, though their challenge only mentions having been notified after the deadline. On June 21, 2010, the Commission sent the Prior Notice for the 2010 July Quarterly Report to "markreesforcongress@gmail.com," the email address listed on their Statement of Organization. As indicated in the challenge, the respondents were twice notified of their failure to file the report. On July 16, the day after the report was due, the Electronic Filing Office ("EFO") sent a 12-hour notification email to "markreesforcongress@gmail.com", the same email address to which the Prior Notice was sent. On August 3, 2010, the Commission sent a non-filer notice to their address of record.

After reading the July 16 12-hour notification email, and again after receiving the August 3 non-filer notice, the Treasurer contends that he contacted the former Campaign Manager who informed him that he would not be handling the filings since he was no longer a paid staff member. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d) is clear that it is the Treasurer, not the Campaign Manager, who is personally responsible for the timely and complete filing of reports, as well as the accuracy of the information they contain. Additionally, although the Treasurer asserts that the former Campaign Manager handled the filing of prior reports, RAD telephone records indicate that the Treasurer himself called the Commission on April 15 and May 26 for assistance with filing reports.

According to the challenge, the Treasurer did not attempt to produce the July Quarterly Report until the weekend of August 7, 23 days after the report was due, and was unsuccessful in

his efforts. RAD telephone logs indicate that the Treasurer contacted RAD on August 9, 25 days after the report was due. Speaking with the Compliance Analyst, Mr. Rees indicated that he received the August 3 non-filer notice and did not think he was required to file the July Quarterly Report since he did not move on past the mimary. The Compliance Analyst informed him he was required to file until the Commission approves the Committee to terminate, and the telephone log indicates that the Compliance Analyst referred Mr. Rees to his Reports' Analyst. The challenge correspondingly indicates that Mr. Rees left a message for Reports' Analyst Bradley Matheson on August 9. In RAD's supplemental response, the Authorized Branch Chief states that there is no record of this message.

According to the challenge, Mr. Rees left a second message with a Reports' Analyst on August 19, which RAD telephone records do not reflect.

On September 21, RAD pent the RTB letter to the respondents. Upon receipt of the letter on September 22, Mr. Rees called the Commission a third time regarding the July Quarterly Report. The September 22 RAD telephone log indicates (and the challenge concurs) that Mr. Rees spoke with Reports' Analyst Bradley Matheson and informed the Analyst that he had left a message with him previously when he encountered difficulties producing the report. The Analyst explained that he was not his assigned Analyst and proceeded to assist him with upgrading his FECfile software, creating the July Quarterly and Termination Reports, and adding receipt, disbursement and loan information. The log further states that Mr. Rees would call the Analyst back later that day or early the following day for assistance with terminating. The challenge Indicates that Mr. Rees did call the Analyst back the following day, September 23, and left a message for assistance with cempleting his reports. The Authorized Branch Chief maintains that there is no record of this message.

Telephone logs indicate that Mr. Rees called RAD the following day, September 24, and was assisted by Reports Analyst Kendra Hannan, who walked him through the process of preparing and uploading the July Quarterly and Termination Reports. The 2010 July Quarterly Report was filed on September 24, 2010, 71 days late. The Termination Report was also filed on this day.

The Reviewing Officer believes it equitable to take the disparity hietween the respondents' claim of having left messages for assistance and RAD's records which do not reflect such messages, into consideration at final determination.

The Treasurer was responsible for and required to file the July Quarterly Report by July 15, 2010. Negligence and inexperience or unavailability of the treasurer or other staff (e.g. the campaign manager) are included at 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d) as examples of circumstances that are not considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond the respondents' control. After failing to timely file the report, the respondents did not contact the Commission for assistance with filing the report until August 9, 25 days after the report was due. Once the respondents' received assistance from the Reports' Analysts, they were able to file the report within one day. This would result in the report being considered 26 days late (from the July 15 due date to the date the respondents' first left a message for assistance = 25 days + 1 day to file the report after receiving assistance = 26 days late). Using the same level of activity (\$41,775) as was used at the time of

the RTB finding, the amount of the civil money penalty at final determination would be [$$200 + ($20 \times 26)$] x [1 + (.25 x 0)] or \$720, reduced from the \$990 RTB civil money penalty calculation.

Therefore, the Reviewing Officer recommends that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and asness a civil money penalty of \$720.

OAR Recommendations

- (1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 2160 involving the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
- (2) Make a final determination in AF# 2160 that the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$720 (reduced from \$990); and
- (3) Send the appropriate letter.

Reviewing Officer: Dayna C. Brown

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Challenge Received from Respondents

Attachment 2 -

Attachment 3 –

Attachment 4 - Declaration from RAD

Attachment 5 – Declaration from OAR

DECLARATION OF DAYNA C. BROWN

- 1) I am the Reviewing Officer in the Office of Administrative Review for the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Reviewing Officer, I conduct research with respect to all challenges submitted in accordance with the Administrative Fine program.
- 2) The 2010 July Quarterly Report, covering the period ending June 30, is due July 15, 2010. If electronically filed, it must be received and validated by the Commission at or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on July 15 to be timely filed.
- 3) I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and that the documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of Page 1 of the Summary Page for the 2010 July Quarterly Report electronically filed by the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Robert Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer. According to the Commission's records, the report covers the period from May 20 through June 30, 2010, and was received on September 24, 2010; and
- 4) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Washington on the 28th day of December, 2010.

Dayna C. Brown Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review Federal Election Commission

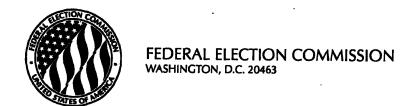
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VIA EXPRESS MAIL.

December 29, 2010

Mark Robert Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer Committee to Elect Mark Rees P.O. Box 65783
West Des Moines, IA 50265

C00471797 AF# 2160

Dear Mr. Rees:

On September 15, 2010, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Singh for Congress and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer ("respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2010 July Quarterly Report. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$990 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

After reviewing the written response and any supplemental information submitted by you and Commission staff, the Reviewing Officer has recommended that the Commission make a final determination in this matter. A copy of the Reviewing Officer's recommendation is attached.

You may file with the Commission Secretary a written response to the recommendation within 10 days of the date of this latter. Your written response should be sont to the Commission Secretary, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. As a result of the anthrax threat in the Washington, DC area, US Postal Service mail delivery to federal agencies, including the Commission, has been interrupted. Until regular mail delivery resumes, you may also file your written response with the Commission Secretary via farsimile (202-208-3333) or by sourier at the same address (if you use an overnight delivery servise, please use zip code 20004 instead of zip code 20463). Please include the AF # in your response. Your response may not raise asty arguments not raised in your original written response or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The Commission will then make a final determination in this matter.

Please contact me at the toll free number 800-424-9530 (press 0, their press 1660) or 202-694-1660 if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Dayna C. Brown Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review



FLIERAL ELECTION COMMISSION SECRETARIAT

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January 19, 2011

MEMORANDUM

SENSITIVE

To:

The Commission

Through:

Alec Palmer

Acting Staff Director

From:

Patrieia Carmona - PC

Chief Compliance Officer

Dayna C. Brown

Reviewing Officer

Office of Administrative Review

Subject:

Final Determination Recommendation in AF# 2160 - Committee to Elect

Mark Rees and Mark Rebert Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer

(C00471797)

On September 15, 2010, the Commission found reason to believe ("RTB") that the respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2010 July Quarterly Report and also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$990 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

On October 21, 2010, the Office of Administrative Review received their written response ("challenge"). After reviewing the challenge, the Reviewing Officer's recommendation dated December 28, 2010 was forwarded to the Commission, a copy was forwarded to the respondents, and is hereby incorporated by reference. The Reviewing Officer believed that the Commission should take into consideration at final determination the disparity between the respondents' claim of having left messages for assistance and Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") records which do not reflect such messages. The report would then be considered 26 days late for purposes of the civil money penalty calculation: this includes the 25 days it took the Treasurer to contact the Commission following the July 15 due date, plus the additional day it took the respondents to file the report after receiving assistance from RAD. The Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a \$720 civil money penalty (reduced from \$990).

Within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation, the respondents may file a written response with the Commission Secretary which may not raise any arguments not

raised in their challenge or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). As of this date, a written response has not been received.

OAR Recommendations

- (1) Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 2160 involving the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
- (2) Make a final determination in AF# 2160 that the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$720 (reduced from \$990); and
- (3) Send the appropriate letter.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Final Determination Recommendation –)	AF 2160
Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark)	111 2100
Robert Rees, in his official capacity as)	
Treasurer)	

CERTIFICATION

- I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on February 07, 2011, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-1 to take the following actions in AF 2160:
 - 1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF 2160 involving the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination.
 - 2. Make a final determination in AF 2160 that the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and Mark Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$720 (reduced from \$990).
 - 3. Send the appropriate letter.

Februar 8, 2011

Commissioners Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Bauerly dissented.

Attest:

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Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



February 9, 2011

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mark Robert Rees, in his official capacity as Treasurer Committee to Elect Mark Rees
Post Office Box 65783
West Des Moines, IA 50265

C00471797 AF# 2160

Dear Mr. Rees:

On September 15, 2010, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) for failing to timely file the 2010 July Quarterly Report. By letter dated September 21, 2010, the Commission sent you notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at RTB of \$990 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. On October 21, 2010, the Office of Administrative Review received the written response from you, challenging the RTB finding.

The Reviewing Officer reviewed the Commission's RTB finding with its supporting documentation and the written response. Based on this review, the Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission take into consideration at final determination the disparity between the respondents' claim of having left messages for assistance and the Reports Analysis Division's ("RAD") records which do not reflect such messages. The respondents sought assistance with filing their report on August 9, 25 days after it was due. Once they received assistance from RAD, they were able to file the report within one day. Using the same level of activity (\$41,775) as was used at the time of the RTB finding, the amount of the civil money penalty at final determination would be [\$200 + (\$20 X 26)] x [1 + (.25 + 0)] or \$720, reduced from \$990. The basis for the Reviewing Officer's recommendation was included in the Final Determination Report, a copy of which was sent to you on December 29, 2010.

On February 8, 2011, the Commission adopted the Reviewing Officer's recommendation, made a final determination that the Committee to Elect Mark Rees and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a) and assessed a civil money penalty of \$720 (reduced from the RTB civil money penalty of \$990). A copy of the final determination recommendation is attached.

If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Peralty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, to the district court of the United States for the district in

which the committee or treasurer reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(C)(iii). The failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 2 U.S.C. § 437g. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal

Unpaid civil money penelties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. If you do not pay this debt within 30 days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within 5 days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact the debtor and request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 28% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the civil money penalty, send the enclosed form and payment to the address on page 3 within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) mo longer apply and this matter is now public. The file will be made a part of the public record pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.42(b). Although the file must be placed on the public record within 30 days from the date of the Commission's notification, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote.

If you have any questions, please contact Dayna Brown on our toll free number (800)424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202)694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission.

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Cynthia L. Bauerly

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Attachment

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$720 for the 2010 July Quarterly Report.

This penalty should be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

> Federal Election Commission PO Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC # 979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The form and payment are due within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTs). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on the check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT oannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

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FOR: Committee to Elect Mark Rees

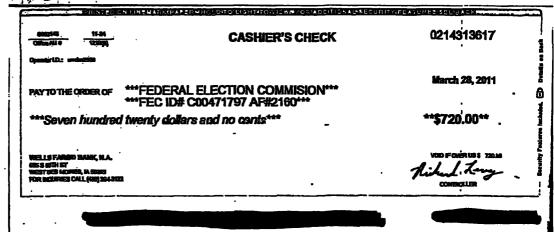
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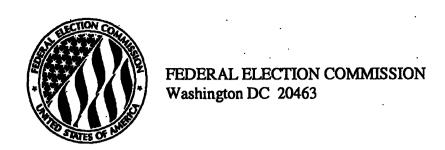
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